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Under the Tunney Act, I wish to comment on the Microsoft settlement. Specifically, I believe it fails to penalize Microsoft for past illegal behavior, and therefore does nothing to restore any sense of balance to the marketplace.

Microsoft has already gained dominance in the marketplace, and altering its behavior now (while necessary) does nothing whatsoever to address these past transgressions. While I beleive it would be difficult to appoint restitution to specific companies in a case like this, a large penalty paid to the government would address the specific heart of the matter: microsoft would not be allowed to keep its ill-gotten gains.

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